Policy Seminar Rwanda as a Free-Trade Zone

09h00 Welcome and keynote remarks:

- Andy Cook, Agricultural Policy Development Project, Abt Associates Inc.
- Director of USAID/Rwanda: Dick Goldman
- Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism: Alexandre Lyambabaje

09h45 Presentation of report: Dean DeRosa and Vernon Roningen, Potomac Associates

10h30 Coffee & tea break

11h00 Discussants:

- President's Office, Director of Trade & Investment: Antoine Ruvebana
- Banque Nationale du Rwanda, Governor: François Kanimba
- Rwandan Investment Promotion Agency, Director General: Bonaventure Niyibizi
- MINECOFIN, Director of Macro-economic Policy: Prosper Musafiri
- MINICOM, Director of Trade: Geoffrey Ndaruhutse
- Abt Associates Inc., Vice President: Professor John Mellor

11h45 Audience discussion/questions

12h15 Reply by authors of the report

12h30 Closing remarks:

- Director of USAID/Rwanda: Dick Goldman
- Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism: Alexandre Lyambabaje

13h00 Luncheon

Technical Workshop Applied Policy Analysis and Spreadsheet Modeling

- **14h30 Introduction to applied economic models and modeling software**: Dean DeRosa and Vernon Roningen, Potomac Associates
- **15h00 Discussion, demonstration of Rwanda trade simulation model**: Vernon Roningen
- 15h30 Coffee & tea break
- 16h00 Discussion of world and regional trade models: Dean DeRosa
- 16h30 Other applications and wrap-up: Vernon Roningen
- 17h00 Audience discussion/questions